



Carol Jean McLain

July 7, 1936 - June 30, 2007

Carol J. McLain, 70, of Martinsville, IN, passed on June 30, 2007 after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. A long-time resident of Indianapolis, she was born July 7, 1936 to the late Wilbur and Thelma Klusman, who survives her. Carol was the recent widow of Charles R. McLain, who died in September, 2005. The family takes comfort in the fact they were able to spend almost a decade of retirement in their dream home, a log cabin they built on a lake in Morgan County. It is right they are together again as she was the butter to his bread for 49 years. Where he was boisterous and larger than life, she was the nurturing and calming center of our family. Carol was retired from the State Board of Health, but her real vocation was tending to her husband and three children Susan, Mike and Cheryl McLain. To her, mothering was called for even as her children approached 50! In addition to her mother and three children, Carol is survived by her brother, Steve (Sharon) Klusman; sister, Sharon Irvine and longtime partner, Bill Spalding; grandchildren, Nick, Frank, Aaron and Hanna; nieces Suzie and Mary Ann Hesseldenz. Always by her side were her loving canine companions Katie, Jesse and Jake. A celebration service will be 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 3 at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington Street with calling an hour before hand. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Indianapolis Humane Society.